[Instructions and model letter for notifying HCFA of intent to return to the M+C Program or re-enter a previously reduced service area.]

All M+COs that plan to return to the M+C Program or re-enter a previously reduced service area are encouraged to notify HCFA of their intention, in writing, by January 10, 2001, if possible. All such notifications should be submitted to the attention of:

Mr. Gary A. Bailey c/o Mr. Phil Doerr Medicare Managed Care Group Center for Health Plans and Providers Health Care Financing Administration 7500 Security Boulevard, Mailstop: C4-23-07 Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

A copy of this notice should be sent to the plan managers at the HCFA central office and the lead regional office. Due to the timeliness of this matter, we encourage you to submit your request via fax at (410) 786-8933 as soon as possible and then send an original copy via mail for the file.

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Subject: M+CO's intent to return to the M+CO Program or re-enter a previously reduced service area effective March 1, 2001 for contract number(s) << PXXXXX, HXXXX>>

Dear Mr. Bailey,

<u>In accordance with Title VI, Sec. 604 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, <<ABC MCO>> is notifying HCFA of its intent to:</u>

□ Return to the M+C Program

The list of counties to be restored to the contract include:

Or

The list of counties to be restored to the contract include: If you have any questions, please contact ______ at << Phone number>>. Sincerely,

<< President/CEO>>, << Signature Date>>

<<ABC HMO>>

<< Address where HCFA is to send this contract activity information>>